

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

FRIDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1960.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges.

The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.

The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex, C.M.G.

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,
Minister of Trade and Industry.

The Honourable B.H. Benn,
Minister of Natural Resources.

The Honourable Janet Jagan,
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.

The Honourable Ram Karran,
Minister of Communications and Works.

The Honourable B.S. Rai,
Minister of Community Development and Education.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. S.M. Saffee

Mr. Ajodha Singh

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham

Mr. S. Campbell

Mr. A.L. Jackson

Mr. Jai Narine Singh

Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj

Mr. R.C. Tello

Mr. R.E. Davis

Mr. A.M. Fredericks

Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent:

Mr. E.B. Beharry

Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 21st of January, 1960, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed, with the following amendment:-

Page 3: Substituted - The word "Ordinance" for the word "Bill" in the twelfth line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Minister of Trade and Industry

The Speaker welcomed the Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan, Minister of Trade and Industry, on his return to the Colony, following his recent visit to Trinidad on official business.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILL - Committee.

Item 1 - APPROPRIATION (1960) BILL, 1959 - Bill No. 36/1959.

On a motion by the Financial Secretary, Council was resolved into a Committee to resume consideration of the BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUPPLIES GRANTED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, clause by clause.

In Committee

SCHEDULE

HEAD 3. AGRICULTURE

Committee resumed the debate on the amendment moved by Mr. Burnham at the previous day's meeting for a reduction by \$1: of Subhead 1 - Personal Emoluments, item (14) - Assistant Director of Agriculture (Veterinary and Animal Husbandry) .. \$7,200:-

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

HEAD 3. AGRICULTURE	was passed at ..	\$1,952,468:-
HEAD 4. ANALYST	was passed at ..	\$ 69,120:-
HEAD 5. AUDIT	was passed at ..	\$ 153,888:-
HEAD 6. CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY	was passed at ..	\$ 50,761:-
HEAD 7. CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE -	was passed at ..	\$ 71,888:-
HEAD 7A. ESTABLISHMENT	was passed at ..	\$ 169,862:-
HEAD 7B. INFORMATION SERVICES	was passed at ..	\$ 180,497:-
HEAD 8. CIVIL AVIATION	was passed at ..	\$ 203,765:-
HEAD 9. CO-OPERATIVE	was passed at ..	\$ 171,353:-
HEAD 10. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE	was passed at ..	\$ 697,951:-
HEAD 11. DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION	was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at ..	\$ 581,575:-

../ HEAD 11A.

HEAD 11A.	DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION - ANNUALLY RECURRENT	was passed at ..	\$ 337,844:-
(HEADS 12 (and 12A.	EDUCATION	was passed at ..	\$6,832,345:-
HEAD 13.	ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL	was passed at ..	\$ 111,954:-
HEAD 14.	FINANCE SECRETARIAT	was passed at ...	\$ 46,975:-
HEAD 14A.	FINANCE - STATISTICAL BUREAU	was passed at ..	\$ 24,711:-
HEAD 15.	FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL	was passed at ..	\$ 141,779:-
HEAD 15A.	FINANCE - CENTRAL REGISTRY	was passed at ..	\$ 26,407:-
HEAD 16.	FINANCE - LICENCE REVENUE	was passed at ..	\$ 69,041:-
HEAD 17.	FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE	was passed at ..	\$ 153,638:-
HEAD 18.	FIRE PROTECTION	was passed at ..	\$ 492,645:-
HEAD 19.	FOREST	was passed at ..	\$ 638,730:-
HEAD 20.	INTERIOR	was passed at ..	\$ 209,416:-
HEAD 21.	LABOUR	was passed at ..	\$ 181,084:-
HEAD 22.	LANDS AND MINES -	was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	\$ 432,760:-

Suspension of Sitting

At 5.00 p.m. the sitting was suspended until 8.00 p.m.

Resumption of Sitting

The sitting was resumed at 8.05 p.m.

Council resolved itself into a Committee.

In Committee

HEAD 23.	LAND DEVELOPMENT	was passed at ..	\$ 680,283:-
HEAD 24.	LAW OFFICERS	was passed at ..	\$ 105,408:-
HEAD 25.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	was passed at ..	\$ 334,905:-
HEAD 25A.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT - SOCIAL WELFARE	was passed at ..	\$ 105,493:-
HEAD 25B.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROBATION SERVICE	was passed at ..	\$ 59,032:-
HEAD 26.	MAGISTRATES	was passed at ..	\$ 333,937:-
HEAD 27.	MEDICAL	was passed at ..	\$1,256,285:-
HEAD 27A.	MEDICAL - BACTERIOLOGICAL	was passed at ..	\$ 196,964:-
HEAD 27B.	MEDICAL - X-RAY	was passed at ..	\$ 101,559:-
HEAD 27C.	MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES	was passed at ..	\$4,443,915:-
HEAD 28.	MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS	was passed at ..	\$ 48,750:-

HEAD 29.	MINISTRY OF LABOUR, HEALTH AND HOUSING	was passed at ..	\$ 41,897:-
HEAD 30.	MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES	was passed at ..	\$ 55,312:-
HEAD 31.	MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY	was passed at ..	\$ 106,834:-
HEAD 32.	MISCELLANEOUS - was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	..	\$2,043,108:-
HEAD 33.	MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS, ETC., MUNICIPAL	was passed at ..	\$ 423,225:-
HEAD 34.	MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL	was passed at ..	\$1,323,145:-
HEAD 35.	OFFICIAL RECEIVER	was passed at ..	\$ 25,342:-
HEAD 36.	PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES	was passed at ..	\$ 508,929:-
HEAD 37.	POLICE	was passed at ..	\$3,473,833:-
HEAD 38.	POST OFFICE	was passed at ..	\$1,322,817:-
HEAD 39.	POST OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' BRANCH	was passed at ..	\$ 931,713:-
HEAD 40.	POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK	was passed at ..	\$ 60,431:-
HEAD 41.	PRISONS	was passed at ..	\$ 496,276:-
HEAD 42.	PUBLIC DEBT	was passed at ..	\$2,849,778:-
HEAD 43.	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	was passed at ..	\$ 38,572:-
HEAD 44.	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	was passed at ..	\$1,203,483:-
HEAD 44A.	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - ANNUALLY RECURRENT	was passed at ..	\$3,601,350:-
HEAD 45.	REGISTRATION	was passed at ..	\$ 64,417:-
HEAD 45A.	REGISTRATION - BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES - IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT	.. was passed at ..	\$ 28,670:-
HEAD 46.	SOCIAL ASSISTANCE - was passed with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at	..	\$1,860,426:-
HEAD 47.	SUPREME COURT AND DEEDS REGISTRY	was passed at ..	\$ 318,491:-
HEAD 48.	TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT	was passed at ..	\$1,800,000:-
HEAD 49.	VOLUNTEER FORCE	was passed at ..	\$ 114,168:-
HEAD 50.	LOANS FROM PUBLIC FUNDS	was passed at ..	\$ 245,000:-
HEAD 51.	COMMODITY CONTROL	was passed at ..	\$ 96,581:-
HEAD 52.	PUBLIC WORKS - NON-RECURRENT	was passed at ..	\$ 300,000:-

Clause 2 - was amended by the substitution of the words
"forty-five million, one hundred and four
thousand, two hundred and fifty-two"
for the words "forty-five million, ninety-
nine thousand, two hundred and fifty-two"
in the fourth and fifth lines.

PREAMBLE - was amended as follows:-

- (i) the words "fifty million, four hundred and sixty-two thousand, four hundred and eighteen" were substituted for the words "fifty million, four hundred and fifty-seven thousand, four hundred and eighteen" in the first and second lines.
- (ii) the words "forty-five million, one hundred and four thousand, two hundred and fifty-two" were substituted for the words "forty-five million, ninety-nine thousand, two hundred and fifty-two" in the ninth line.

Council resumed.

Report and Third Reading.

The Financial Secretary then reported to Council the revised financial position having regard to the amendments made in the Estimates and incorporated in the Schedule to the Bill.

Thereafter, on a motion by the Financial Secretary seconded by the Attorney-General, the Bill was read the third time and passed as amended in Committee.

MOTION

Item 2 - MOTION CONCERNING APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES FOR 1960.

The Financial Secretary moved and the Attorney-General seconded the following motion:-

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this Council approves of the Estimates of Development Expenditure for the year 1960 which have been laid on the table, with the amendment recommended in the Report of Finance Committee of the Legislative Council dated 15th January, 1960, totalling TWENTY-FOUR MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS as detailed by Heads in the undermentioned schedule and of the projects therein being financed from the Development Fund Ordinance, 1954.

SCHEDULE

	Head of Estimate	Estimate in 1960
I.	Agriculture	\$ 1,426,120
II.	Civil Aviation	540,000
III.	Drainage and Irrigation	7,842,600
IV.	Education	1,086,000
V.	Finance (Industry and Credits)	1,500,000
VI.	Geological Surveys	503,019
VII.	Health	306,300
VIII.	Housing	1,239,711
IX.	Lands and Mines	160,000
X.	Land Development	1,661,693
XI.	Post Office	650,000
XII.	Public Works	4,930,000
XIII.	Transport and Harbours	2,019,688

SCHEDULE (Contd.)

Head No.	Head of Estimate	Estimate in 1960
XIV.	Miscellaneous	\$ 120,787
XV.	Rural Self-Help	150,000
XVI.	Social Welfare	170,000
XVII.	Local Government	120,000
XVIII.	Amerindian Development	208,600
XIX.	Tourism	45,000
		\$ 24,679,718

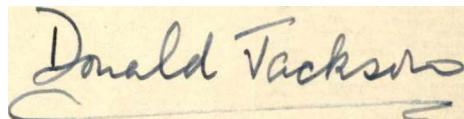
After certain Members had spoken to the motion, the Financial Secretary replied.

Thereafter, the question was put and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.05 p.m. the Speaker adjourned the Council to 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 26th of January, 1960.

Confirmed,



Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
Georgetown.

26th January, 1960.